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African Superstitions in America.

The Negro Marching Back,

Some Singular Developments,

Some two months or more ago we copied, from the Georgia and Mississippi papers, statements showing that many of the negroes in certain localities in those States were afflicted with the most grotesque and absurd religious superstitions. The Rev. C. K. cating that those crude superstitions were much more general among the negro population of the South, than was generally known. One of the forms of this beathenism is denominated Voodoo, by the negroes, and was exemplified practically in Memphis

Appeal, as follows: "Voodoorsm.-We believe this barbaric religion of worship is beginning to take hold among the negroes. Free from the check which was once held over them, they have unlimited control over their baser passions, and now and then it bursts out, and proves that the worship of their barbaric fathers still runs in the blood of the Americanized negro. It was but last Sunday night that a party of five negroes, dressed in the garb which father ADAM is supposed to have worn, dashed down across South street into an open field, yelping and shorting like madmen, to the terror of the women and amusement and surprise of the men, who did not know what to make of them. Talkacident, we asked them what it all meant, several shrugged their shoulders innocently, but one more ignorant than the rest, informed us 'dey are trying to voodoo de niggars.' Voodooism, from what we can learn, is a superstition little else than the idolatrons religion of Africa. It prevails more extensively in New Orleans than elsewhere, and its rites and ceremonies from his amazing speed. It is an axiom are most disgusting. They believe in incantations and charms, bewitch their ene- ger at his best rate than a very fast horse mies by pieces of hair, feathers and can at his superior rate. There has been similar articles which are charmed. and are horses, however, whose best rate. They have been suspected of human sacwhich are as varied and disgusting as those | Such a one was Bay Middleton of whom used by the witches in Macbeth. Strange | Lord Jersey, Ranson, Edwardsthe trainin one or two cases, of sensible people. The initiatory rites, as described by the New no horse that could live with him for above Orleans police, who have several times s mile, and that no matter how long his gal-broken in upon them, consists of naked lop or his swent was, they never heard him dances around a leaking cauldron of charm- blow. subject at New Orleans, claiming that he had learned its mysteries in Africa, subject. It is known to be practiced on most of the Louisiana plantations. Grz-MORE STREET has written a story called the 'Enchanted Crow," which is evidently based on this heatherism and superstition religion. It is to be hoped that some competent person will study it, for it is the re-

county jail, as follows: "There is at the county jail a darkey supposed to be voodooed. SAMBO has been there more than a month. He has never way 'bread,' and on one other occasion when he was heard to say, 'nice morning.' Yet what is said to him. He will stand by the hour straight in 'the position of a soldier, staring at the blank wall. At other time he will sing 'Bobbing Around' for half the night, when he will carl himself on the ground, put his head on his tin plate, and sleep like a pig. The other negroes say he is either voodgoed or else is voodgoing

igion of Africa brought to our doors."

Within the last ten days a case has transpired in this city with similar characteristics. A negress, of the half-blood, who was for many years a slave in the family of the writer of this, and who has borne and reared a family of several children, was taken sick some six weeks or two months ago, with some scrofulous form of disease. Failing to get relief, she called in a negro "medicine man," who at once pronounced her bewitched, or voodooed. He told her that the bed on which she lay contained certain feathers, bones, and hair, which had produced all her suffering, and whereby she had been voodooed. To prove it he proposed to rip open and examine the bed, Upon doing so he found certain minute chicken bones, a few chicken feathers, and perhaps some hair. This demonstrated the truth of the physician's diagnosis, and he began his curative process by dispelling the sorcery, by incuntations, sounds, gestures, etc., the evil spirit of the Voodoo. This so shocked and disgusted the husband of the patient and the other members of the family, that the "medicine man" was peremptorily discharged, with a warning not to return.

Another form of the superstitions of this race was disclosed at the session of the Methodist Conference which assembled at Galveston on the 24th ult. The following is an extract from the proceedings;

"EMANUEL HAMMITT, a negro preacher from Millican, was elected to Deacon's orders. It was stated that he could read the Bible well, was a good preacher, and "Southern" in his feelings. The Bishop wished to know if he held any of the superstitions common among the blacks, and was informed that he did not. The Bishop then stated that in traveling lately through Harrison county, on Red river, he had found a re-ligious organization of the negroes, calling themselves 'The Angel Band.' They were under the direction of an old negro woman whom they called the 'God Mother,' and who, they believed, knew all their thoughts and actions, whether they were present or absent. She prescribed punishment at pleasure which was received without opposition

by the criminal. receive a revelation from Heaven and relate man of tolerably respectable appearance, it to the society. One boy, about fourteen | came to Fayetteville for the purpose of enyears of age, received no divine light and was ordered to be flogged till the vision came. This was done, and a wonderful story was related. The Bishop asked the boy how it was that the whipping gave him such a revelation, and received the answer, 'Sir, if school, and organized a Sunday school to you had been whipped as I was, you would enlighten the little "nigs" in religious mat-have had a revelation." have had a revelation."

COTTON CROP IN SOUTHWISTERN GEOR-GIA.—The Albany Patriot of the 3d inst., knowenst" to his colored friends, and has says "the planters are now beginning to not yet be m heard from. bring their new crop of cotton to market and the staple looks beautiful. From infor-

THE TURE. Great Match Proposed-Kentucky and Norfolk.

From Wilkes' Spirit, Nov. 10.] The famous race-horse Kentucky has been delivered at the grounds of the American Jockey Club, after having been painted in triplicate by Mr. TROYE, for Mr. TRAVENS, Mr. Oscood and Mr. HUNTER. It is not the intention of Mr. JEROME to run him again, unless it be in a match with some horse worthy of his enormous prowess and

renown. When he had made the purchase of Kentucky, Mr. JEROME stated as much to Chas. Littlefield, and added, that if ever the horse did run again he should want the latter to ride him. It is also probable that, in such an event, he would want A. J. MINOR to train him, for we question whether there is another man living who could be relied upon with as much certainty as MINOR to get him to the pitch of condition on the day set for the race. The public of New York have made this

horse the heir of their judgment and applause. They would be willing to see him matched against Gladiateur or Norfolk, but would hardly be fully satisfied unless he was trained by A. J. Minor for so arduous a contest. We have been led to make these remarks because it is confidently stated that the famous horse Norfolk will be brought from California during the coming winter, to be matched against Kentucky in the en-MARSHALL, of the latter State, also made a statement of well authenticated facts, indijudges the best race horse in America. He has never lost a heat or a race, and whereas Tipperary ran Asteroid to a head at St. Louis, Norfolk could have lost Tip, and all the rest, including Kentucky, in the Derby, if he had wanted to do so. That, however, was not the Kentucky of to-day. It is true and was exemplified practically in Memphis | that Norfolk has been underrated. It has on Sunday last, in the manner stated by the | been proclaimed, loud and long, that he is no stayer. A match at two-mile heats was offered against him with Idlewild; and even since his great race at three-mile heats in California, we have heard an offer to run Beacon against him for \$20,000. "The times have been that when the brains were out the man would die, and there an end!" but it is still proclaimed that Norfolk did nothing to deserve his reputation. But this proposition to run Beacon against him was not so mad as it seemed. "It's a far cry to Loch Awe," say the Highlanders, and Norfolk was on the other side of the Rocky

In spite of all that has been said to the contrary, we maintain that Morfolk has proven himself a sticker, and his speed was ing with some negroes yesterday about this always such as to make him a truly formidable opponent to any horse for any distance Norfolk, virtually walked over the race. The idea that he was a non-stayer partly arose ritices, and are known to rob graves that formation and internal organization were they may procure materials for their charms, such that they never tired in a trial race.

ed snakes, toads, human remains and similar It is said that this horse ran the Rowley articles. They have a woman to whom | mile in lm. 20s., and Lord George Benthey are subject. This woman, who resides TINCK believed it. Yet his stoutness was in New Orleans, is known to the police as such that he was a good deal more likely to being a beautiful octoroon. The subject is run away than to tire in his gallop. The first one of interest, and the only works we know | time ROBINSON ever mounted him he bolted of on it are very unsatisfactory. The negro and ran four or five miles before he could be stopped. In make, temper, and the lofty southern loyalists, delivered some lectures ardor that scorns restraint, Norfolk resembles this renowned horse. They are also twice related; but Kentucky bears a three-fold but he evidently knew very little on the relationship to him. First through Web second through Sultan, a sire of Bay Middleton and of Gleucoe, and third through Partisan, the sire of Mameluke, who got imported Myrtle, Kentucky's grandam. Partisan was by Walton, own brother to WILLIAMSON'S Ditto, who is a noted horse in the pedigree of Cobweb, Bay Middleton' dum. Should the match now be talked of The Galveston, Texas, Bulletin a fewbeing made, it would never do to underrate and hold cheap such a horse as Norlolk. It weeks ago, stated a case occurring in the might be rulnous to the fame of one of the best racers that ever lived to do so, for if he were to best Kentucky next year, it would be said in summoning up their histories Norfolk beat him at three years old, beat spoken except when hungry and ferced to him at six, and could beat him the best day he ever saw."

> THE LONDON TIMES ON NEGRO SUP-FRAGE.

.The London Times, in dilating on the

subject of negro suffrage in the United States, "Why cannot the negro be declared a citizen and invested with all the rights of a man? The real answer is, that he is not a citizen, and cannot be made a citizen by a proclamation or a law. We have unfortunately had a little experience of our own in this matter. We have the Jamaica negro, in common with his white master, civil equality, and the right of self-government, and see how it has ended. All the negro's instincts and habits go in the other direction. He is careless, credulous and dependent; easily excited, easily duped, easily frightened; always the ready victim of the stronger will. He is material for the hands of anybody who wishes to make use of him. Invested with full political rights, the race must be a magazine of mischief. In Jamaica it appears that the negroes would imbibe, at a day's notice, any absurd delusion as to the authority and wishes of the British Queen, of the Commissioners, or anybody; but what they were always looking for was something to be given, or something to be done for them, or some law to make them all rich, happy land owners, and tax free forever. Such

THE BUTCHERY OF CHILDREN IN THE NORTHWEST.

men are not citizens, call them so as we

From the Mobile Advertiser.] As we have already had occasion to remark, it has become absolutely dangerous for children in some of the Northwestern States to have mothers, and although they may find them a necessary evil at the start, they ought to dispense with them as soon as possible. The mother of a baby about a year old, at Des Moines, Iowa, had been sick for some weeks, and it is thought became insane. About a week ago, her hushand left her for a few moments, and on his return found that she had cut the baby's throat with a razor, and was trying to cut her own throat with a carving knife. Affairs of this kind are becoming frightfully frequent in the Northwest, and a certain class of people are to blame for it. The poor women who thus butcher their innocent children are more to be pitied than anything else, although the mental derangement which leads to the butchery is in many instances brought on by their own folly. When the fathers in that country determine to tar and feather every fanatical lecturer they catch in the act of harranguing silly people on the subjects of spiritualism, free-loveism, and Puritanical "damphoolism" generally, the throats of their children will be safe.

A NEGRO SWINDLER.-The Lincoln county New of the 10th says: "It was expected that each person should A week or two ago, a light colored freed- FARE TO NEW ORLEAS .. of \$65 for services to be rendered, the Pro-

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